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sweet pea lovers are planning upon making their plantings and are seriously considering the merits of the multitude of varieties. Each grower wants the best, and he wants distinct varieties.

The early flowering varieties are attracting more attention each year. Formerly the flowers of this class were decidedly inferior to the other garden varieties. The marvellously rapid spread of sweet pea growing under glass has resulted in the development of a race of sweet peas possessing the highest qualities of form and color. Some of these varieties are satisfactory for outdoor culture, and therefore they have displaced most if not all of the old varieties of the early class. Foremost on the list is the fine Australian variety Yarrawa. White Orchid, Venus, Anita Wehrman, Rose Queen, Mrs. Skach, Christmas Pink and others have done well in the open ground.

Among the midseason or standard Wes- varieties the pinks, pink and whites, whites and lavenders naturally lead either for market or home decoration. Hercules is a larger and finer deep pink than Countess Spencer and has practically displaced it as an exhibition flower. The latter will produce more flowers. Elfrida Pearson and Lady

The pink and white color of the grown. old Blanche Ferry has always been of this color. The fault with most of Blanche Ferry. Mrs. Cuthbertson is the best variety in this class, although of mottled flowers. All of the strains of Blanche Ferry Spencer which I have grown have exhibited defects. Those who love the darker bicolors find Adelaide and Marks Tey satisfactory.

White Spencer is the standard white vigor, form and size of the flowers. amateurs. The white flowered varie- Mrs. C. W. Breadmore. ties, having dark colored seeds, are more certain to grow. Constance Hinton is one of these, and the flowers are varieties, or at least they are reof enormous size. At the last show this variety won the honors.

Asta Ohn, Lavender George Herbert der is the best of the pale lavenders or pale blue selfs, although the new selections of Margaret Madison may be good sweet peas to an end. Other fine superior.

King Edward Spencer reigns supreme in the crimson class either for May Campbell, Heien Perce Spencer, markets or exhibition. Charity and Bertrand Deal, Tennant Spencer, Rosa-Mrs. C. P. Tomlin showed up well at Boston last year. George Herbert, a and Arthur Green? better, larger and finer variety than

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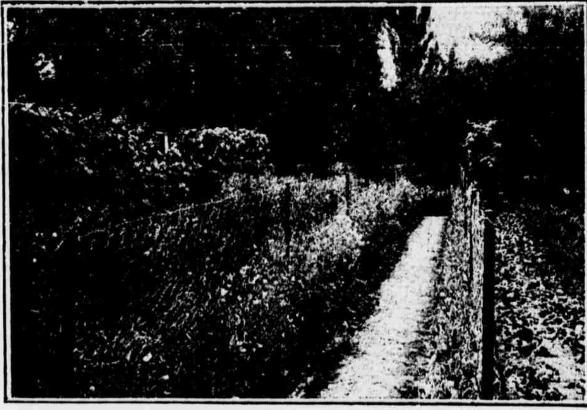
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varieties like Barbara, Melba and Lady Cambridge Arboretum and other State, of the Arnold Arboretum, asking

The cream pinks are a numerous With a keen hunger for beautiful ginia and that this specimen was popular in America and there is a defamily. Mrs. Routzahn, long the plants our education is limited to local brought from Kate Mountain, near mand for a really good waved variety standard in this color, now has to or familiar plants. In England the White Sulphur Springs. When I was yield premier honors, to some extent, weekly output of cheap magazines of a child I was taken by my mother to the novelties offered is that the colors for market where its color is wanted. floriculture is enormous. All the book White Sulphur, and as she was an are not those of the well known Mrs. Hugh Dickson is a paler cream stands offer penny books or leaflets up amateur naturalist, fond of the mounpink. Duplex Spencer is a strain of to the great illustrated magazines that tains, I have no doubt that she the deep cream pinks having double have a wide circulation and to be seen brought it back with her. It also reor triple standards in the flower.

In making our selections we should in every circulating library. It is from sented captivity and died, but it still

not omit Dobbie's Cream, which is better than Primrose Spencer. Mrs. H. Damerun, a rich cream colored flower, is well worth a trial. The picotes edged varieties have

many admirers. The variety Blue variety, but King White is superior in Picotee, white ground edged violet blue, and Martha Washington, edged varieties have light colored rose on white are considered the best. seeds which sometimes fail to germi. Among the plcotce edged varieties nate when handled by inexperienced having a cream ground the best is

The American sweet per growers seem to have a fondness for striped sponsible for introducing most of them. Loyalty, blue striped; Senator Spencer, chocolate striped; America and R. F. Felton comprise the best lay. Spencer, carmine stripe on white; Auenders. We should recommend the rora Spencer, orange rose stripe on first named for market, and the latter white, and Jessie Cuthbertson, rose for exhibition. Dobbie's True Laven- pink stripe on a cream ground, are the

varieties seek inclusion, for what shall we say of Royal Purple, Nubian, beile, Wedgewood, Charm, Afterglow

bertson-6. where variety is wanted, many colors Nubian, George Herbert, Royal Purple Blue Monarch, Mrs. C. W. Breadmore, Vermillion Brilliant-12.

Cross, Helen Pierce Spencer-18. w variety, the President, is claimed Charm, Wedgwood, Blue Picotee, Loy-

Prof. ALVIN C BEAL. N. Y. State College of Agriculture.

OXFORD GARDENS.

By SUSAN B. OKIE. This visit to the college gorden at

Oxford has taught me that the best parks I have learned how little place to see American plants is in Eng- know even for an amateur of all the land, especially in Regent's Park, Lon- lovely and easily acquired shrubs and den, and at the Royal Botanical Gar- flowering plants that are universal in England. Two American wildings I dens at Kew. The heads of these pub- have seen here are especially interestand charm of the American brambles. by the rank and file of American ama- and the wild azalia is equally hometeur gardeners. While we have fine collections at

He institutions are gentlemen who are ing, the hybrid mulleins and the always ready to give information to American camellia, known botanically any student of plant development who as Verbascum and Styartia pseudo about 60 to 70 degrees is maintained warm weather. It is necessary any student of plant development who can appreciate their work. There is Camellia Virginica. The mulleins have and not lower than 55 degrees at night. Direct light and plenty of air is necession. a cordial kind of freemasonry among vet mats sit in great roseites on the gardeners of any rank, and the right turf and send up tall spires of golden hand of fellowship is always extended. We often meet over there companies of American tourists who are "doing" lovely shrub in foliage and flower. One cathedrals or Roman remains, but rarely garden craftsmen. They are future tourists. I believe since garden tried to domesticate mountain plants from the Blue Ridge in our Washing-United States children's gardens, ton garden, but always fail. I imitate flower clubs, village improvement soflower clubs, village improvement so-cieties all help the work of education in this branch of the world's work. Conditions, I plant in leaf mould in the shade, where I found them, in vain. They resent captivity, or they miss Oxford not only taught me the utility the mountain air or the scent of the forest. Trailing arbutus is sullen for but of many other plants disregarded a year or two, never flowers for me,

sick. They thrive here and improve in

size and color. It is the humidity they

The Lost Clematis.

A year or two ago THE SUN kindly

requested the readers of the garden

department to send it any information

they could about a dwarf shrub or

herbaceous clematis that bore many

blue pendulous solitary flowers, very

much reflexed petals, delicately scented and lined with velvety

white and yellow stamens. The plant

was covered with these nodding

bells, about the size of a floret of the

Canterbury bell. It grew in my moth-

er's garden long ago when I was a

child. I have been seeking it ever since. It lately appeared illustrated

in the Garden Magazine (about 1915)

sent the illustration to Prof. Sargent

under the name of Clematis ovata.

since.

the Royal Horticultural Society and of the garden, the object lessons in gardens and

need probably, and we cannot bring that quality with our gardens. There is but one broad leaved evergreen that I can grow—the Magnolia grandiflora -but she compensates and modifies our discontent, the queen of the evergreens.

morphotheca or African orange daisy, fuchsla, geranium, heliotrope, lantana, In the second class are ageratum. carnations, chrysanthemums, ice plant,

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Many of these may be sown in the open ground in a carefully prepared seed bed the latter part of April and during May. Early plants are obtained by starting seeds early under glass.

SPROUTING POTATOES.

Sprouting seed potatoes in a well and earliness and produce a vigorous vine growth. Short, thick stems will develop, not long, spindling sprouts such as are produced in the cellar. to prevent injury to the sprouts.

Turn a barrel over a plant or two of rhubarb and force the stems for early use.

Cut strips of sod and turn the grass side down in shallow boxes or on boards. Make furrows across the sed and sow peas, setting the boxes near the window in the cellar or kitchen. Later set the sods with the growing peas in furrows in the garden. An early crop can be produced in this

Cold, wet, retentive soils should not be worked too early, certainly not when wet. When they are drying, Evelyn Eyre lead the blush or pale pink varieties, the platter winning the honors in the last show of the American Sweet Pea Society.

Varieties lift liarisara, Melba and Lady Cambridge Arboretum and other State of the Arnold Arboretum, asking gardens they do not exert a wide in where I could find it. He threw a beautiful when properly grown. It is fluence in remote localities at present, flood of light on this mystery. He remote a beautiful when properly grown. It is fluence in remote localities at present, flood of light on this mystery. He remote a beautiful when properly grown, and Fiery Cross, however, are closely allied colors and should be corded when sought. The trouble with various, or never had been. That its Clay benefits light, sandy soils. us is we do not know what to ask for, home was in the mountains of Vir-

Sometimes it is found under the surface and a little may be brought to the top with good results. Clay soils are benefited by applications of ashes, burnt garden rubbish,

stable manure, dead leaves, &c.

Where live stock is a factor on the farm make every field hog tight and sheep tight; have thoroughly good permanent pastures; grow leguminous crops; build a silo, and keep only pure bred males. These five things are ab solutely essential in the economical production of live stock. Of course this programme calls for some labor and expense, but the permanent condition of prosperity in the sections de-voted to live stock production is proof

PLANT ROOTS THIS SPRING FOR VEGETABLE SEED NEEDED IN

of the good profit derived therefrom.

Growers of root crops of all kinds who are likely to need seed for planting in 1919 would do well to take steps to insure at least a partial supply by growing it themselves. This can be done only by the use of roots already grown and now in the ground or held in storage. Such crops as carrots, beets, onlons, turnipe, rutabagas, parsnips and salsify are involved.

Weather conditions in the regions where the chief seed supply of these crops is produced have been very unfavorable so far this year. This fact, together with the certainty that the usual European sources cannot be relied upon to supply us, threatens a considerable shortage for next spring's planting. Since it takes two years to produce these seeds, this shortage can only be alleviated by the planting for seed of roots already

Seeds of the crops mentioned above can readily be grown over a wide range of the Northern States. It is highly desirable that persons having uniform, well selected and sound root; should plant some of them for seed.

Parsnips and salsify, being hardy can be most easily provided. The shortage of these is not serious, as these sources and from the Journals of lives in my memory as a previous child the amounts needed are not large. For such roots as must be stored the time is at hand to choose those to be sed for planting for seed production. FLOWER SEEDS TO START NOW. It is of paramount importance that they be got into the ground as early Three classes of flower seeds may be as the soil and weather conditions per-Two American wildings I started now under glass. Under glass mit. The prospect for a successful seed proved if there is opportunity for root or hot bed, where a temperature of growth before the tops are started by cover the roots with one or two inches of soil to protect them from frost and

Rows of beets, carrots, onions, tur den draughts or cold winds striking hips and rutabagas should be spaced from three to four feet apart. Plants The three classes are divided, first; should stand from two and a half to Delicate seeds that are difficult to three feet in the row for all but onions, handle successfully except in a green- Which may be spaced six inches. Cul house, although some window garden. tivation should be thorough and shalers do raise plants from these in the low. The soil should be in good con-house in seed pans or boxes covered dition and should be fertile.

It is often desirable to support the delicate seed that many amateurs suc- seed stalks by staking, but not essen-

ARSENIC KILLS WORMS ON TREES.

If trees were not properly protected

are up plenty of air must be admitted with tanglefoot bands early in the or the little plants will damp off. season to prevent the wingless females or the little plants will damp off.

The third class is composed of seeds from crawling up the trees to lay that are not difficult to start in the their eggs, cankerworms or measuring house. The lists are not complete, but worms, black worms having a yellow include the more common plants grown stripe on each side of the body, are



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Onions and paranips can be sown quite early, carrots not quite so soon. Radishes and lettuce, first sowing as lighted room will increase the yield soon as the ground is dry enough to work.

> Enormous flocks of blackbirds have recently passed over northern New Jersey, travelling in a northwestern direction. "The oldest inhabitant" will only say that he never before saw such enormous flocks in all his days. When asked what this indicated the answer was, "Spring's comin'."

GROWING LARGE ONIONS.

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